AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph 29 on page 6 of the specification with the following:

As shown best in Fig. 2 in connection with valve elements 42, movement of the valve elements 40, 42 is controlled not only by the springs 56, but by a cam assembly 58 as well. As one of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize, a rotation of [[the]] a cam 60 periodically causes the push rod 62 to rise, thereby causing a rocker arm 64, connected thereto, to pivot about a pivot 66. In so doing, an end 68 of the rocker arm 64 is caused to move downwardly and thereby open the exhaust valve element 42. Under normal engine operation, the cam 60 imparts sufficient force to the valve stem 46 to overcome the biasing force of the spring 56 and thereby push the valve head 44 away from the valve seat 50, to open the exhaust valves 34 (or intake ~~valve~~ valves 32). Further rotation of the cam 60 allows the spring 56 to push the end 68 of the rocker arm 64 upward and the push rod 62 downward until the cam 60 completes another revolution.